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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Rick Rowe )  
Appl. No. : 09/965,908 )  
Filed : September 27, 2001 )  
For : **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR** )  
**FUNDING AND AWARDED** )  
**BONUSES IN A GAMING** )  
**ENVIRONMENT** )  
Examiner : Michael W. O'Neill )

Group Art Unit: 3713

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 4, 2002, with respect to the above-referenced application.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract appearing at page 38 with:

A method and system are provided for awarding bonuses in a gaming environment. The system includes gaming machines associated with a player tracking host and a bonus system host. Each gaming machine has a player tracking device. In accordance with a method, a bonus is funded independently of specific wagers placed at the gaming machines. The bonus system host configures bonus event information which is presented via the player tracking devices of the gaming machines.

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